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# REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09/200,874
Filing Date	November 27, 1998
First Named Inventor	YOSHIO KIMURA
Group Art Unit	2626 <i>#22-25-0</i>
Examiner Name	M.E. Wallerson
Attorney Docket Number	03500.013132.

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

**NOTE:** 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

## 1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

### a. Previously submitted

- i.  Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on November 26, 2003  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii.  Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
- iii.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

### b. Enclosed

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| i. <input type="checkbox"/> Amendment/Reply                          | 01/26/2004 HDEMESS1 00000081 09200874 |
| ii. <input type="checkbox"/> Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)             | 01 FC:1801 770.00 OP                  |
| iii. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) | 01/26/2004 HDEMESS1 00000081 09200874 |
| iv. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____                             | 02 FC:1252 420.00 OP                  |

## 2. Miscellaneous

- a.  Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b.  Other Applicant petitions to extend the time for taking action in this case to January 26, 2004.  
A check in the amount of \$420.00 in payment of the extension fee is enclosed.

## 3. Fees

- a.  The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies in the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 06-1205

- i.  RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
- ii.  Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

- b.  Checks in the amount of \$770.00 and \$420.00 are enclosed
- c.  Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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